

# ATHABASCA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROFILE



*A great location!*



Athabasca County is a progressive county featuring great opportunities for development, recreation, agriculture and affordable country living. Primary natural resources in the area include large deposits of natural gas, sand and peat. We welcome investors, visitors and newcomers to explore the opportunities Athabasca County provides.

Athabasca County is well served with a network of quality trans-

portation systems. The transportation infrastructure in the county is a major factor in supporting the primary industries in the region including forestry, oil and gas, agriculture, and tourism. The county offers a well-developed transportation system that is vital not only to the communities in the county but to the overall delivery of goods provincially, nationally and internationally. Our integrated highway and rail systems allow for efficient delivery and transport of goods and people throughout the communities in Athabasca County.

#### **Towns**

Town of Athabasca  
Village of Boyle

#### **Summer Villages**

Bondiss  
Island Lake  
Island Lake South  
Mewatha Beach  
South Baptiste  
Sunset Beach  
West Baptiste  
Whispering Hills

#### **Hamlets**

Atmore  
Brenat  
Caslan  
Colinton  
Donatville  
Ellscott  
Grassland  
Meanook  
Perryvale  
Rochester  
Wandering River



**Alberta HUB**  
Where opportunity comes to life

# Highways



Athabasca County has within its boundaries an extensive network of roads and highways that ensure the safe, efficient movement of goods and people throughout the region.

The Town of Athabasca is at the intersection of Highways 813, 2 and 55, facilitating direct routes north to Wabasca and the South Athabasca Oil Sands, east to the Cold Lake deposits, south to the City of Edmonton, and west to Lesser Slave Lake and Peace River.

Highway 63, is a 434-kilometre (270 mi) high load corridor in northern Alberta, traversing through the eastern half of Athabasca County connecting it to billions of dollars of oil sands investment in the north and other major product/service businesses in the south.

Highway 2 or the Queen Elizabeth II Highway is a major north-south highway reaching up from the Canada/U.S. border where it passes through major centres, Calgary and Edmonton, until it hits the Town of Athabasca and continues north to Grande Prairie. The Fort Macleod - Edmonton section of the Highway forms a portion of the CANAMEX Corridor that links Alaska to Mexico.

## CONNECTED TO SERVICES

Athabasca County offers a competitive infrastructure, skilled workforce and excellent quality of life for your employees. Services for your business in the region include transportation, communication, engineering, design, consulting, accounting, legal, marketing and computer services.



## Railways

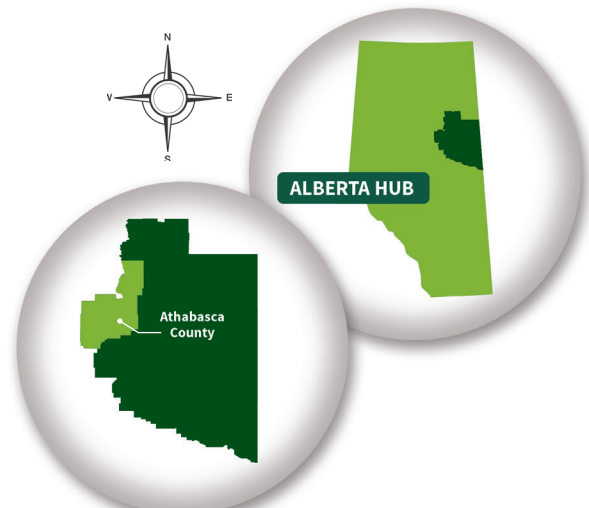
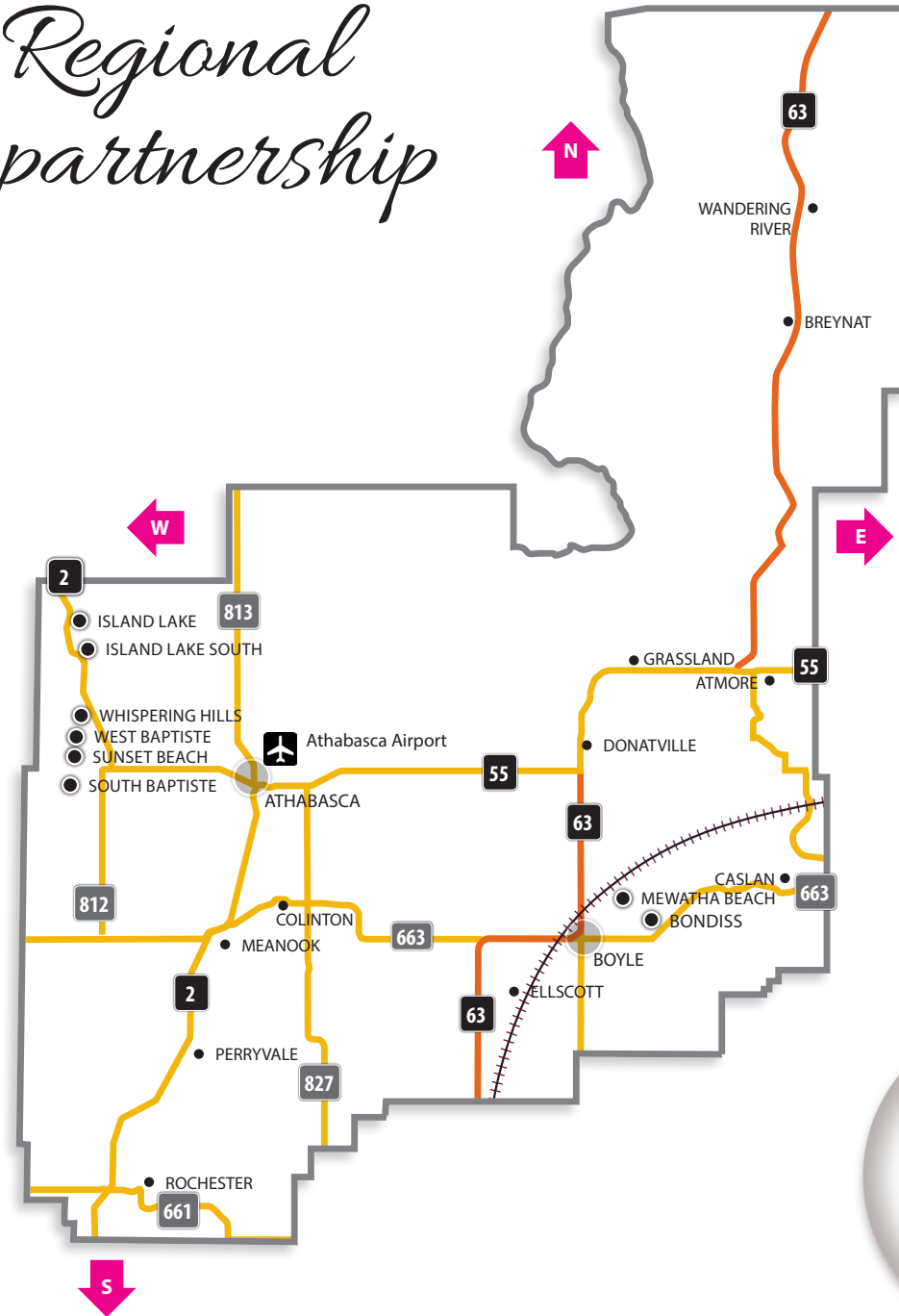
A main Canadian National Rail Line traverses the county extending from Edmonton in the south to Fort McMurray in the north. This is a regional asset that can be built upon when opportunity calls.

# Regional partnership

## Athabasca County

Athabasca County is a member of the Northeast Alberta Information HUB Ltd, also known as "Alberta HUB", a regional economic development alliance that provides information, guidance and tools to businesses and site selectors making investment decisions.

The Alberta HUB region features two north-south high load corridors that connect it to markets in the United States and Mexico. The Yellowhead Highway connects the region to tidewater ports in the west, and Canadian and North American markets in the east. In addition, excellent secondary highways, and rail and air assets are available throughout the Alberta HUB region. For more information, please visit: [www.albertahub.com](http://www.albertahub.com).



### Driving Distances From Athabasca County

|             | Kilometres | Miles |
|-------------|------------|-------|
| Edmonton    | 85         | 53    |
| Calgary     | 380        | 236   |
| Vancouver   | 1,230      | 764   |
| Winnipeg    | 1,375      | 854   |
| Toronto     | 3,520      | 2,187 |
| Los Angeles | 1,790      | 1,805 |
| Chicago     | 1,660      | 1,112 |
| Houston     | 2,250      | 1,398 |
| New York    | 2,475      | 1,538 |

NORTH to  
Fort McMurray



SOUTH to  
Markets in the  
U.S and Mexico



WEST to  
Markets in  
Alberta and  
British Columbia



EAST to  
Markets in  
Central and  
Eastern Canada



TOWN

● HAMLET



HIGH LOAD HIGHWAY



AIRPORT

● SUMMER VILLAGE

★ OTHER



HIGHWAY



RAILWAY

# Airports

Athabasca County is located approximately 135 kilometres north of Edmonton International Airport. Edmonton International Airport is the primary air passenger and air cargo facility in the Edmonton region and is a major hub facility for Northern Alberta and Northern Canada. It is Canada's largest major airport by total land area the 5th busiest airport by passenger traffic and by aircraft movements.

The main regional airport that services the county is the Athabasca Regional Airport with a 4,000-foot lighted runway. Located just 5 minutes outside of Athabasca, CYWM serves a variety of aircraft from privately owned single engine models, to executive jets, commercial Twin Otters and helicopters. An air courier service also flies into the airport twice-daily on weekdays.



Accessible to pilots and aircraft 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Athabasca Regional Airport is Connecting Alberta's North.



With low business costs, average non-residential taxes, and competitive non-residential land pricing, the Athabasca Region is a great place for future industry opportunities. Ongoing partnerships between local governments, businesses, industries, and educational institutions provide all the pieces to the development puzzle.

While already well-positioned, the Athabasca Region boasts a diverse economy of agricultural production, forestry, oil & gas, sand & gravel, peat moss harvesting, transportation & logistics, and tourism. Those well-established resources, topped off with the educational institutions of Northern Lakes College, Portage College, and Athabasca University, means the region is ready to become yet another piston in the economic engine driving the country forward.

A portion of Economic Development is the ability to move goods and services. With over 2,400 kms of road and over 200 bridges or bridge size culverts,

***the provision of service is geared to ensure safe and reliable transportation networks for ratepayers, business, and industry.***

County Infrastructure is a major focus for Athabasca County, and each year encompasses the largest portion of the operating budget.



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